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HEADS ERECT, WITH INDEPENDENT WALK AND CONFIDENT AIR. THEY ARE INDEPENDENT BECAUSE THEY HAVE  
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WHILE OTHER MEN WASTED THEIR TIME AND MONEY  
THEY WERE PUTTING SOME INTO THE BANK.

MAKE YOURSELF INDEPENDENT BEFORE IT IS TOO  
LATE. BANK SOME MONEY NOW.

SAVINGS DEPOSITS MADE UP TO JULY 10TH DRAW  
INTEREST FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE QUARTER JULY 1.

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A class of eleven took their first  
communion at St. Joseph's Catholic  
church.

Automobile shovels at D. M. Clark  
& Co.'s.—Advt.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell A. Mather, of  
Aitkin, were Brainerd visitors yes-  
terday.

Miss Clare DeRocher, of Brainerd,  
was visiting her friend, Miss Anna  
Hanson.

Bay Lake beat Neutral on Bay  
Lake ground last Sunday, June 27th,  
13 to 5.

Judge and Mrs. J. T. Sanborn are  
spending a few days at their cottage  
at Nisswa.

Awnings, Awnings, Awnings! Get  
your prices from Julius Deering, 207  
S. Fifth St. Telephone 235-J. 2416

Mrs. A. B. Porter and children left  
today to spend some weeks visiting  
relatives in Blairstown, Mo.

Mrs. Ed Day, daughter Miss Mar-  
garet and son Joseph, left this af-  
ternoon for a visit in Duluth.

Mrs. George Badeaux and sister,  
Mrs. Joseph Bernier, of Grand Rap-  
ids, Mich., are visiting in Duluth.

The Brainerd-Cuyuna mine now  
boasts a sonorous whistle which  
chimes in well with the shop whistle.

Take a joy ride on Cruiser Vivo;  
also see the big mines at Riverton.  
Special rates for parties of ten or  
more. Phone 314-L. 2216

Mrs. E. D. Goward and two chil-  
dren, of Aitkin, are guests of her  
parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Stick-  
ney.

"What will become of MY FAM-  
ILY," has baffled the skill of many a  
physician in a last illness. M. E. Carl-  
son. 11

Miss Mamie Erickson, guest of  
Mrs. Wm. F. Dieckhaus, returned  
this afternoon to her home in Deer-  
wood.

Glasses properly fitted. Dr. Long.  
25-dwtf

Mrs. H. Hill of Pine River, visited  
in the city today.

Up to date, dependable Dry Goods.  
Lowest prices, at M. J. Reis'. 2216

West Long Lake defeated South  
Long Lake 12 to 1. 2911f

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We fit the new "Elastik Eyeglass."  
Dr. E. E. Long, Osteopath. 2911f

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Ice cream at Turners'. Phone  
267-J. 255f

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the city on business yesterday.

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Miss Marion Michael at Hubert.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Rose, of Du-  
luth, are visiting friends in Brainerd.

Phone 359L for DRY millwood.—  
Advt. 178f

Representative Edward R. Syver-  
son went to Duluth Wednesday even-  
ing.

Miss Ethel Ryan, of Minneapolis,  
is visiting her friend, Miss Norma  
Brady.

We received more of those 79c  
White Felt Outing Hats for ladies,  
today. Come and see them. B.  
Kaatz & Son.—Advt. 1

Guests of friends in the city, Miss  
Lottie Johnson, Miss Rose Bracke  
and Miss Mabel Berg, returned this  
afternoon to their home in Little  
Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hamilton are  
enjoying three weeks' trip, the It-  
inerary including Denver, Colorado  
Springs, Salt Lake, Montana and Ida-  
ho points.

Bargains in odd size sash and doors  
screens, frames, etc. Brainerd Sash  
& Door Co. 10f

C. G. Johnson and bride, of Little  
Falls, are spending their honeymoon  
in Brainerd. Mrs. Johnson was for-  
merly Miss Hazel Tourtillotte, and has  
many friends in this city.

Spend your Fourth at Ozonite  
Camp on Gull lake. Boats will meet  
trains at Nisswa to convey guests to  
camp. Special dinner and supper  
served. Good fishing. 252f

Lieutenant G. H. Larson has suc-  
ceeded Capt. O. A. Sandgren as head  
of the local Salvation Army in the  
city. Capt. Sandgren has gone to  
Grand Forks on furlough.

Stores of the city generally will  
close at 10 o'clock Saturday evening  
and remain closed Sunday and Mon-  
day. July 5 will be generally ob-  
served as Independence Day.

Get your lawn mower sharpened  
and repaired, prices reasonable.  
Julius Deering, 207 So. 5th St. Tel.  
235-J. 2416

Rev. W. J. Lowrie, pastor of the  
First Presbyterian church, will speak  
at the Salvation Army hall on Sat-  
urday evening. These services com-  
mence at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Mrs. J. C. Midgeley, of Wheatland,  
N. D., is visiting her granddaughter.

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CEMETERY

THURSDAY, JULY 1, 1915.

**THE WEATHER**

Weather Forecast for Next 24 Hours.

Generally fair.  
June 30, maximum 79, minimum  
52.

**LOCAL NEWS NOTES**

Pat McGIII visited Ironton on Wed-  
nesday.

For Spring Water Phone 264. If  
Miss Selma Woerner is visiting in  
Staples.

Rev. W. J. Lowrie returned to-  
day from Hubert.

J. O. Marectich was in Brainerd on  
business Tuesday.

Lots, buy now, pay later, Nettleton;  
6tf

Rev. M. L. Hostager returned to-  
day from Cloquet.

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Jenkins this noon.

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Summer-time with its intense heat will soon be upon you. We have searched the choicest markets of the world to collect for you a magnificent showing of Summer goods. You will find that our ready-made department contains garments that will fit and have that "tone" you desire. We do not seek to find how cheaply our ready-made garments may be put together, but how well they made be finished.

Our ladies furnishing department is in skillful hands; adepts in selecting the proper accessories of dress, have picked the choicest, daintiest garments possible.

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WINDOWS

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**5 WITH TYPHOID  
IN SAME FAMILY**

Five children of the family of John  
Huseby, of Garrison, suffering with  
typhoid, were brought to Brainerd  
today and taken to a local hospital.  
The oldest is a boy of 18.

Mrs. L. O. Kelsen. Mrs. Midgeley  
said that heavy rain have damaged  
potato and wheat crops in the Da-  
yars.

The merchants and clerks meeting  
at the Chamber of Commerce this  
evening at 8 o'clock is for the pur-  
pose of making preparations for the  
annual picnic in August and it is  
very probable that action will be tak-  
en to fix the location.

More white Tennis Shoes arrived  
this morning and we now have a  
complete run of sizes now for men,  
women and children. Get yours to-  
morrow for you'll want a pair for  
the 4th. B. Kaatz & Son. 11

## KNISPERS HERE 3 DAY SERIES

Frank Larson, Formerly with Brainerd, Plays with the Visitors, Games July 3, 4, 5

## VICTOR TO PITCH SATURDAY

Bowman and Cook will Do the Flinging on Sunday and Monday Making Fast Series

Word has just been received from South St. Paul Knispels that Frank Larson, who played second base for Brainerd last year, will be in the line-up of the visitors for the three games next Saturday, Sunday and Monday. This will be welcome news to many of the local fans as Larson has a host of friends here who always admired his work both on the bases and with the stick. Early in the season Larson was in correspondence with the local management with a view of again playing with Brainerd but the heavy expense in the way of

pay days of the Northern Pacific railway in Brainerd will fall on the fifteenth and the first of each month. On July 15 the men will receive pay for June. On August 1 they will draw half of their July pay. On



South St. Paul Flor de Knispel Baseball Team

transportation and hotel bills made it necessary to develop a player residing here.

Larson's playing ability this season is said to be far above his average form and according to published accounts in the St. Paul papers his playing with the West Side Athletics has been a feature both in the field as well as at bat.

Brainerd will need to look well to its laurels in this series as the Knispels have a string of victories that places them well up in the ranks of semi-professional ball teams. Last Sunday the West Side Athletics were beaten by the score of 7 to 4 by the Knispels who played an errorless game. "Lefty" Helmkes was invincible and held them to five scattered blows, two of which were infield hits. Helmkes pitched phenomenally not passing or hitting a man.

The misunderstanding with Al Victor has been patched up and he will again be seen in the black spangles of the Athletics, in next Saturday's game. According to the dope Victor will pitch Saturday's game, while Bowman and Cook will do the flinging on Sunday and Monday and the fans can be assured that three of the fastest games ever played on the local diamond will be staged on July 3rd, 4th and 5th.

The line-up for the Knispels will be as follows: Marsh, 3b, Nicholson ss, Doyle rf, Larson 2b, Raddat-Foote lf, Wassal c, O'Neill 1b, Manthy cf, Dixon-Helmkes p.

**WOODROW NEWS**

Two Five-Room Dwellings to be Erected by Hannah & Gonet Contractors

Woodrow, Minn., July 1—Hannah & Gonet are again on the scene, as they have secured a contract for the erection of two five-room dwelling houses for the Wilcox mining company.

Mrs. Wm. Meitunen has returned from Mesaba, Minn., and is selling her household goods preparatory to moving to her new home.

John Shuffelin was a business caller in Deerwood Tuesday.

Nokay Lake is preparing for a big celebration of Independence Day on July 3.

Horace Humphrey, of Riverton, was a visitor in Woodrow. He is contemplating the purchase of the livery barn here owned by John Shuffelin.

John Johnson, of Johnson & Roth, bakers of Brainerd, was a business visitor here Wednesday.

Wilson Bradley, of the Hale-Bradley Exploration Co., of Deerwood, was in town last week.

Capt. Nichols has bought a Ford car.

### Tired of Him.

He—I always pay as I go, she (yawning)—I don't think you'll ever become bankrupt.—Judge.

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**TOILET & BATH**

**KIRK'S JAP ROSE SOAP**

TRY IT PLEASE EVERYBODY

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RULES FOR SPRINKLING

Sprinkling is permitted only between the hours of 6 to 9 A. M. and 6 to 9 P. M.

Permits for sprinkling must be purchased in advance.

Nozzles must be used at all times when water is used for sprinkling purposes.

SPRINKLING MUST BE DISCONTINUED DURING FIRES.

Where violations of these rules are discovered, the service will be discontinued, and a charge of \$1.00 made for again turning on service.

SPRINKLING RATES

Rates for one house:

For 25 ft. frontage, season \$3.00  
For 50 ft. frontage, season 5.00  
Over 50 ft. frontage, season 6.00

Above rules will be strictly enforced.

Water & Light Board

## SEMI-MONTHLY PAY IN FORCE

State Law Championed by Senator George H. Gardner Becomes Effective July 1

## THE RAILROADS ARE AFFECTED

Pay Days of Northern Pacific will Fall on the Fifteenth and First of Each Month

The semi-monthly pay day law, championed by Senator George H. Gardner of Brainerd, and passed by the 1915 legislature, takes effect today, July 1. It requires all railroads and public service corporations of Minnesota to pay their employees twice a month instead of once.

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For the past three weeks the members of the Bay Lake Farmers' club have been hustling preparing for the monster community picnic to be held there on Friday, July 16th. The various committees have everything so well in hand now that there is no doubt either of the success or of the high grade of the entertainment offered.

A flood of inquiries as to whether townspeople would be welcome has led to invitations being issued to the

Brainerd, Deerwood, Crosby and Aitkin Commercial clubs. While there

is no doubt either of the success or of the high grade of the entertainment offered.

Boating down the Mississippi from its source, for the first 200 miles, is very interesting as well as very vigorous. My son, 13 years of age, and I made the trip in a small boat. The intention was to come on down the river to Little Falls. We expected to make the trip in about 21 days. The distance from Elk Lake to Cass Lake direct is scarcely 40 miles, but it is more than five times that by river. It is not so much the distance that makes the trip strenuous. In addition to windfalls and other obstructions, there are a great many busy beavers that have worked 75 or 80 miles down the river. Their home is around Elk Lake and Lake Itasca, but with the state laws to protect them they are beginning to appropriate the upper Mississippi. They make trouble for a boat.

The wonderful industry of the beavers is well exemplified in a piece of work they perform on a brook between Lake Mary and Lake Itasca. Here they construct a dam each night, while the man in charge of the park tears it out each day. The beavers are in their homes and are not to be seen during the day but come out to work at night. One night we watched them begin the construction of their oft destroyed dam. They appeared about 10 o'clock and were not disturbed by a flash light that we directed upon them. The least noise made them hustle to the bottom of the waters. The next morning we found a well constructed dam, sealed almost water tight with mosses and weeds. This was torn down before noon the next day by the keeper. This re-building and tearing down process has been carried on nightly and daily for years, we were informed.

The beavers log as intelligently as the lumbermen, but for a different purpose, as we understand it. They are less particular about whose logs they get than most lumbermen are, and they use them only for jam. We saw trees 14 inches in diameter that had been cut down and then cut into short lengths.

I understand several persons contemplate a Mississippi trip. Therefore a few words about it. The connecting link between Elk lake and Lake Itasca is easy to make, but it is unnecessary to go to Elk lake by boat. It is better to walk and worth walking for what one can see.

Through Lake Itasca, of course, it is easy boating. The first obstruction upon entering the Mississippi proper is a beaver dam. We chopped our way through that. A little further down is a dam maintained by the state. Four miles after passing this dam the water is so shallow that it is difficult to get through, but the party in charge of the dam opened it up long enough to help float us over that distance.

We encountered two other old dams in the first hundred miles, one of which gave us much grief, but except for that four miles we were not short of water. The main trouble we encountered was windfalls, occasional foot bridges, low wagon bridges and an occasional wire fence. Any one contemplating this trip should be supplied with good axe, a stout pole, a light but solid boat, as little luggage as possible, but plenty to eat, and tools with which to repair fences.

Until near Bemidji the settlers are few and far between. When found, however, they gave us a hearty reception and rendered us aid. It is wonderful how cheerful they are in their almost isolated homes. I judge it is because they look to a sure future, for northern Minnesota will soon be rich in agricultural products. All that is required is more settlers with means enough to go ahead and clear up these lands. The public is bound that out, and five or six years more I am sure will show wonderful progress up there. Every year will add to their advantages. To know that lands can be purchased from \$5 to \$20 per acre in this section, as good in quality as lands that are developing in other sections at from \$75 to \$150, and that will have equally good market facilities when there are farmers enough to make farm product purchasers seek them, is to know that a good future awaits this new section.

It is a strenuous job to make the

trip. It is seldom that a boat can pass all the distance from Leech lake down to where the Little Mississippi flows into the Mississippi, but I was fortunate in finding a high stage of water. I passed through many miles of tamarack swamp along and a short distance from both banks of the river. The water was quiet in those swamps, but wherever we came to high banks or hills there were swift rapids and it was difficult to clear the rocks. In fact it was a case of all overboard many times and sometimes with haste in order to prevent capsizing the boat.

Below where the Little Mississippi enters the Mississippi the distance to Bemidji is easily covered. In Lake Bemidji to the Bemidji dam the water is quiet, and against a head wind one must work to cover the 11 miles. After passing over the dam the water is rapid. For most of the distance except in the swamps, the river and its banks are beautiful.

We stopped at Cass Lake and will complete the trip from there to Little Falls along about the last of August. There is information of value and of interest to the state which can be secured on such a trip. I shall write the trip up when completed.

My particular object in making the trip is to learn what I can about the manner of handling the water by the government and the damage that occurs annually to the settlers along the river.

**ADVERTISED LETTERS**

Letters remaining unclaimed in the postoffice at Brainerd for the week ending June 2, 1915. When calling for these letters please say "advertised."

Belanger, Mr. Albert.  
Bliss, Mrs. Lizzie.  
Dow, Mr. Paul.  
Henderson, Mr. John.  
Highfield, Miss Ida.  
King, Mr. A. E.  
Sproat, Dr. Sam'l.  
Thieles, Mr. Harry.  
VanSickel, Mr. John.  
Weinberg, Mr. J.  
Whitman, Mr. Dan.  
Wilson, Mr. Frank.  
H. P. DUNN, P. M.

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# The BLACK BOX

By E. PHILLIPS OPPENHEIM

Author of "The Moving Finger," "The Prince of Sinners," "Anna, the Adventurer," etc.

Novelized from the motion picture drama of the same name produced by the Universal Film Manufacturing Company. Illustrated with photographs from the motion picture production.

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## CHAPTER XXIV.

"You can call this fairyland, if you want," Laura remarked, gazing around her; "I call it a nasty, damp, oozy spot."

Quest motioned them to sit a little nearer.

"I had a moment's talk with Craig this morning, and from what he says I fancy they mean to make a move a little farther in before long. It'll be all the more difficult to escape them."

"You think we could get away?" Lenora whispered, eagerly.

Quest glanced cautiously around. They were surrounded by thick vegetation, but they were only a very short distance from the camp.

(To be Continued)

Monday Night at the Grand

## Trial Continued to July 12

(By United Press)

El Paso, July 1—On motion of the government representative Huerta's preliminary examination was continued until July 12. No testimony was taken.

A Sluggish Liver Needs Attention

Let your liver get torpid and you are in for a spell of misery. Every body gets an attack now and then.

Thousands of people keep their livers active and healthy by using Dr. King's New Life Pills. Fine for the stomach too. Stop the dizziness, constipation, biliousness and indigestion.

Clear the blood. Only 25c at your druggist.—Advt.

## IRON ORE SHIPMENTS LARGER THAN IN 1914

Lake Superior Mines Show Increased Tonnage.

Washington, July 1.—Iron ore shipments from the Lake Superior mines show an increase of 30 per cent over the shipments a year ago, according to Secretary Lane in the geological survey's midyear review of mining conditions.

The pig iron output also is increasing monthly, the report says, while enlargements and extensions at iron and steel plants furnish unmistakable evidence of returning confidence.

General improvement in the copper industry also was noted. Prices, output and wages have shown an upward trend, the report says, and prosperity is the word in the copper districts.

Demand for spelter and lead, with present high prices, has given an impetus to mining in the zinc-lead districts and the demand for quicksilver has increased.

"It is the Mongar cry of warning," he said hoarsely. "Something is going to happen."

The whole encampment was suddenly in a state of activity. The Mongars ran hither and thither, getting together their horses. The chief, with Craig by his side, was standing on the outskirts of the camp.

"Seems to me that we're a move on," Quest muttered, as they rose to their feet. "I wonder if we are in it."

A moment or two later Craig approached them.

"Word has been brought to the chief," he announced, "that the Arab who escaped from the caravan has fallen in with an outpost of British soldiers. They have already started in pursuit of us. The Mongars will take refuge in the jungle, where they have prepared hiding-places. We start at once."

"What about us?" the professor inquired.

"I endeavored," Craig continued, "to persuade the chief to allow you to remain here, when the care of you would devolve upon the English soldiers. He and Feerda, however, have absolutely refused my request. Feerda has overheard some of your conversation, and the chief believes that you will betray us. You will have to come, too."

They all rose at once to their feet, and a few moments later horses were brought.

The little procession was already being formed in line. Craig approached them once more.

"You will mount now and ride in the middle of our caravan," he directed. "The chief does not trust you. If you value your lives, you will do as you are bidden."

You will have a pleasant, effervescent lithia-water drink, which quickly relieves bladder trouble.

## Five Arizona Murderers In Shadow of Scaffold

(By United Press)

Phoenix, Ariz., July 1—Before July 23 the five murderers who were saved from the Florence penitentiary gallows May 28 only by an eleventh hour reprieve will again stand in the shadow of the scaffold. The reprieves were for nine weeks' duration. By the law the men must hang before July 23.

But Governor Hunt, of Arizona, whose fight against capital punishment has saved the five from death so far, refuses to sign the necessary papers or fix the execution date. He refuses to be a party to the executions. And the five are confident that the "big governor" will never let them hang.

May 28 the Arizona prison at Florence, was the scene of one of the most dramatic events in criminal history. N. B. Chavez, Eduardo Perez, Miguel Peralta, Francisco Rodriguez and Ramon Villaloboz donned their clothes that day. It seemed that their long fight against the extreme penalty had ended in defeat. The gallows was ready, the witnesses assembled in the tower where the five were to be hanged. A desperate last minute battle to save them was raging all over the state. The pardon board, which had power of life and death over them, was appealed to, at first in vain. Secretary Bryan and General Francisco Villa asked mercy for them—the latter on the ground that they had not received fair trials. Federal Judge Sawtelle refused a writ of habeas corpus for the five, and denied their lawyers the right of appeal from his decision. When it seemed that every device had failed the pardon board weakened and granted the nine weeks' reprieve.

The fact that the pardon and reprieve power was vested exclusively in this board was due to the fact that Governor Hunt made a strenuous campaign in favor of a constitutional amendment abolishing the gallows from Arizona. The voters turned against him on that issue. Although they elected him, they rejected his pet amendment, and instead adopted one stripping him of his pardon and reprieve power and giving it to the board of three.

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This created dissatisfaction throughout Arizona. Pending the next election when the anti-capital punishment amendment was to be voted on, Hunt continued his policy of reprieving each slayer when his execution date came near. He stumped the state declaring he cared more for the abolition of hanging than for his own re-election.

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